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Though part of Indiana has been badly scorched, the Indianapolis Journal estimates that this year's corn crop will be sufficient to give fifty bushels to every inhabitant of the state. With this amount of flap jack material on hand the gaunt animal will not invade Hoosierdom.

UNCLE Sam has several civil-service cats on the pay roll. The post-office cat of New York city gets a salary of \$9 per year. The office cat at Richmond, Va., \$4; at St. Paul, \$5; while at Omaha the cat is more modest, and gets but \$2.50. Rats are supposed to be more plentiful in Omaha.

LAST week a Kentucky judge sent one man to the penitentiary seven years for killing his brother, while he sentenced another man to ten years imprisonment for stealing a ham worth \$1.12. From this we are to infer that a luscious ham in the blue grass district is more valuable than human life.

The democratic Cincinnati Enquirer tells a great truth in the sentence: "The people are not in the humor to take any sort of politics that does not go hand-in-hand with the return of good times." That was just the reason they gave democracy a setback last November. They will not repeat the work of 1892.—Inter Ocean.

STRIKES have diminished in France. In the first five months of this year there were 170 strikes, involving 21,403 workmen. In the same months of 1894 there were 184 strikes, with 86,753 strikers. The first of June there were in France twenty-one strikes in progress, with about 1,200 workmen out. A newspaper comments by saying that the workmen have learned that they are always the first victims of strikes.

The Inter Ocean very truthfully remarks that there are thousands of Americans wandering over Europe and trying to enjoy its discomforts for the half dozen time who know comparatively little of the grandeur and beauty of their own country. It is a fad and a fashion. Let the boys and girls see America first; then if they have the time and means look at Europe and all the East. We cultivate un-American ideas in rushing them off to Europe as the one thing needful in their education.

The sensational preachers who assert that all the women riding bicycles are rushing down the straight road to the country snuff to be inhabited by satan, are making statements that any reasonable christian will not swallow. The bicycle is an every-day article of convenience, a health-builder and a means of locomotion from which man and woman alike can extract pleasure. There are a great many ministers of the gospel in this country whose mossbackism is a detriment to the religion they espouse.

The ground taken by some of Dodge county's supervisors for fighting the new township organization law is that it is illegal to legislate any person out of office. This ought to touch the average judge or jury in a tender spot. Indeed, it verges on a line of sympathy which makes the whole office holding world kin. Of course there is no reason why a person should not be legislated out of the office as well as legislated into it, as the Fremont Tribune sagely observes, and is after all doubtful whether the kicking supervisors in Dodge county will enlist any sympathy on the part of the non-officeholding public.—Kearney Hub.

A HARROWING romance is reported from Logarto, Tex. Miss Bessie Harris had a lover and she doubted his fealty. His name was Blackman and he endeavored to allay her fears, and probably volunteered to die for her or do any thing else dreadful to prove his constancy. Finally, with the advice of her parents, she proposed that he should show his love and trust by permitting her to suspend him by the neck with a rope for a little while. She would cut him down as soon as she was persuaded he had properly attested his affection in kicking the air. Blackman agreed and was accordingly suspended. The girl was faithless to her promise to cut him down and he has departed hence. The neighbors seem to think it was not a fair deal to Mr. Blackman and are talking of hauging the girl and her parents for an equal length of time.—Ex.

Mr. CROKER says the English turf is too hard for his horses' feet. The New York turf was getting a little to hard for the boss' feet, we think, just before the time he went abroad.—New York Mail and Express.

Ir Sterling Morton has learned something about the diseases of poultry, let him give it to the country in preference to his financial views. The health of democratic roosters is especially important just now.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Dem.).

An eastern democratic free-trade organ boasts that "under the new tariff Ohio is shipping coal to England. "Maybe this organ could tell us how much the shipper made by it. Business is a little dull, and if there is money in shipping coal to New-cattle people would like to know it.

MANKIND is upon the horns of a dilemma. Scientists tell us that our drinking water is so impregnated with bacteria as to be unfit for use. Prohibitionists denounce the wine and beer. It is urged that tea produces insanity and coffee dyspepsia and insomnia, while poison lurks even in lemonade. If we drink we are threatened with death; if we do not drink we die also. What's to be done?—Ex.

In a week or ten days now, unless there is a cloudburst in the meantime, the farmers will begin to an- quire the corn is "curling" and in serious danger. Old farmers say that corn grows better when it curls in the middle of the day. The best corn years we ever had have been marked by just this sort of weather in the middle of July. Let the corn curl if it wants to. There will be a big crop of it anyway.—State Journal.

NEBRASKA'S maximum freight law which has now gone to the United States supreme court, is of general interest as establishing the principle of the right of a state to fix rates for railroad traffic. The act was passed in 1893 and was signed by Governor Crouse. It has since been in the courts. The United States district court sustained the law, and the court appeals has decided that it has no jurisdiction, thereby over- turning the decision of the lower tribunal. Should the supreme court confirm the view of the court of appeals, the matter probably would go back to the state courts and be fought out there.—Buffalo Express

If there are still a few people in Lincoln county who really need help to pull through until harvest time Lincoln county ought to be able to provide for them. So long as the state relief commission announces its readiness to distribute further aid from the state appropriation just so long will calls for assistance continue to come in. There is one way to compel the people of the western counties to rely on themselves again as in the past, and that is to close up every avenue to the remainder of the state relief appropriation. The people demand an accounting of relief commission's work. There is no need of protracting that work because of the spasmodic letters still being received.—Bee.

PROTECTION to the sugar producing industry of the United States, whether beet or cane, is now regarded as far more important than it was admitted to be a few years ago. During the enactment of the McKinly tariff the quantity of American grown raw sugar was very largely increased, to such an extent, in fact, that it surprised not only the friends of protection, but also those who have the habit of intimating that we cannot grow anything that is worth wearing. There are two principal reasons why both the beet and cane sugar industries of the United States should receive ample protection at the hands of congress. One of these reasons is that it will enable us in time to be independent of other producing countries for our supply of one of the necessary articles of life. The other reason is that the use of thousands of acres of our farm lands in growing sugar cane or sugar beets will leave a smaller area to be planted to cotton, corn, wheat, and other crops that we now produce in such superabundance that the prices paid for them to the farmers are very often below the cost of actual production. By growing our own sugar we shall be strengthening our national independence; we shall also helping farmers who grow other crops by checking their over-production.—American Economist.

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LAST DAY AT THE HUB

Closing Session of the Christian Endeavor Convention.

CONSECRATION THE THEME.

Address by President Gates of Iowa College the Feature of the Morning Meeting Held in Tent Williston—Delegates Go Sightseeing.

BOSTON, July 15.—The 14th international convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. closed tonight one of the most successful meetings in the history of the society, and most of the delegates will devote the rest of the week to sightseeing in Boston and vicinity.

The services of today had a deeper religious feeling than any that have been held since the first day, probably due to the excitement of the opening days and the impressive character of the exercises. "Consecration" was the central thought in all the scores of more prayer meetings that began at 6:30, and was in fact the principal subject of the day. The attendance of all the meetings was as large as on any day last week. The addresses of President George A. Gates, D. D., of Iowa college, and President Albert D. Warfield, LL. D., of Eastern Pa., in Tent Williston, were the features of the morning. The former spoke of "The Consecration of an Educated Life," and he was followed by his great audience with close attention. President Warfield's address was on "The Attractions of the Ministry to the Educated Men."

Rev. Wayland Hoyt of Minneapolis presided over the meeting in Tent Williston this forenoon. President Williston, Mr. Harper, LL. D., of the University of Chicago, was scheduled to preside, but was unavoidably absent. The tent was well filled, about 9,000 people being present and much fervor was manifested.

At Tent Endeavor, an address by Robert E. Sheer of New York on the missionary service proved a great drawing card. Mr. Sheer's great work in missionary fields has made him famous among Christian Endeavorers, and thousands were surprised this morning at the youth of this leader. He is not yet 30 years old, but is a veteran in his chosen work. This morning meetings in both tents were conducted under the general title "The Scholarship of the World for Christ." At Tent Williston and Mechanics hall encouraging reports concerning the religious life in college were made, and in both the tents and the hall the roll of honor upon which was inscribed the names of the unions whose members have been able to give liberally to the cause was simultaneously unrolled. These exercises were accompanied by suitable addresses.

Rev. W. C. Hitting, D. D., New York, conducted the exercise in Mechanics hall; Rev. A. C. Peck of Denver, in Williston, and Rev. Ira Laidrich of Nashville, in Endeavor.

The presentation of a banner to the local union doing the best work in promoting systematic and proportionate giving was made at Mechanics building and Tent Williston.

Rev. J. W. H. Stalenberg of Cambridge, Mass., delivered in Mechanics building an address on "The Christian Personality" that deserved special mention, and the same should be said of addresses by Rev. A. P. Cobb, D. D., of Springfield, Ill., and Rev. William C. Puffer of South Framington, Mass. The praise and song services at the big meetings were as they have been since the opening of the convention, full of snap, energy and earnestness. The aggregate attendance was about 23,000.

The regular noon evangelistic meetings have attracted crowds of workers who joined in the praise with a seriousness that seemed to indicate regret that today was the last of the convention. The largest of these rallies was held at Faneuil hall, where Rev. Francis E. Smiley of Denver led the services, and in Brookfield Street church under the leadership of C. N. Hunt of Minneapolis. The other gatherings were at the usual stores, wharves and street corners.

WORK OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Seventy-Ninth Annual Report on Distribution of the Scriptures. NEW YORK, July 15.—The 79th annual report of the American Bible society, which covers the work of that organization in printing and circulating the scriptures during the past year, has just been published. The society has distributed more volumes in China during the past year than in any preceding year since it began its operations there. In Japan, too, the bible committee has been able to accomplish a great deal of work among the soldiers of the Japanese army. More than 1,500,000 bibles, testaments and integral portions of the bible were printed by the society within the year, and over 1,000,000 of them were printed on presses in the bible house, and more than 300,000 were printed in foreign lands. Through purchases of additional volumes the total number printed and procured by the society amounting to 1,958,674 copies. Of these 947,103 volumes were issued from the bible house, and 634,025 in foreign lands. Of the volumes issued from the bible house 191,196 copies were sent to foreign lands, and are not counted among the issues in foreign countries. Of the issues of 947,103 volumes from the bible house \$45,907 have been for the home supply.

Washouts in Texas.

EL PASO, July 15.—The rainfall for the last few days has been unprecedented in this part of the country. Santa Fe trains arrived these days late owing to washouts. The Texas and Pacific tracks for 10 miles near Big Springs were under water yesterday. The roads are all straightened out today. There is a flood in the Rio Grande river.

Dividends For Depositors.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Comptroller of the Currency Eckels has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent banks as follows: Ten per cent, the Oregon National bank of Portland; 10 per cent, the Evanston National bank of Evanston, Ills.

Mrs. N. K. Fairbank Dead. CHICAGO, July 15.—Mrs. N. K. Fairbank, wife of Nathaniel K. Fairbank, the millionaire, died at her home here today. She had been ill for several weeks, her death resulting from peritonitis.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



MAY LEAD TO TROUBLE.

Serious Charge Brought Against Liquor Crusaders by Kansas Jointists.

EMPORIA, July 15.—For several weeks detectives have been at work securing evidence against the men who lynched George Ross at Cottonwood Falls in May, 1894. There are 25 warrants in the hands of the sheriff for prominent people in Cottonwood Falls and Strong City, and arrests will probably be made this afternoon. The trouble grew out of the recent closing of Strong City joints, and it is said that the liquor crusaders are the men for whom the warrants are out, and that the jointists and their friends are behind the work of the detectives. Much excitement prevails in both towns, and the best people in Chase county fear serious trouble before the quarrel is settled.

EX-SENATOR CASSATT SENTENCED.

Pella Bank Wrecker Given Nine Years in the Penitentiary.

KEOKUK, Ia., July 15.—In the federal court today Judge Woolson sentenced ex-Senate Senator E. R. Cassatt, the Pella bank wrecker, to nine years in the Anamosa penitentiary.

Knights of Labor Assembly Suspended.

BOSTON, July 15.—It has transpired that District assembly No. 39, Knights of Labor, which includes into its jurisdiction the entire state, has been suspended from all privileges by General Secretary Hayes. The suspension is for insubordination in admitting to its privileges State Master Workman Padden, who, some months ago, was suspended as the outcome of a controversy with the general board. A meeting of the assembly will be held tomorrow evening, and some predict its withdrawal from the order.

Followed Metcalf's Advice.

COLUMBUS, O., July 15.—Patrick McBryde, secretary of the United Miners of America, will go to Joliet, July 18, to attend a joint meeting of operators and miners. Speaking of his trip to West Virginia at the solicitation of Governor McCorkle, Mr. McBryde says he told the miners, who were carrying Winchester, to be peaceable, for in 25 years he had never seen a strike won after the troops had been called in. If, he stated, the miners do not heed this suggestion, the governor will have no alternative but to call troops.

Found to be a Pulp.

CLEVELAND, July 15.—The dead body of Patrick Cooney, who was employed as night watchman in the yards of the Cleveland and Pitsburg Railroad company, was found in the river early this morning. The dead man's nose had been crushed in, his front teeth had been knocked out, and the body bore other evidences of assault. It is supposed that Cooney was murdered and thrown into the water last night by a gang of robbers whom he probably detected in the act of looting cars.

Escaped From Jail.

GREEN BAY, Wis., July 15.—George McKenzie, one of the men first arrested in connection with the wholesale robberies of cars on the Milwaukee road, escaped from jail last night. The tools used in making his escape were furnished by parties on the outside of the jail. McKenzie was accompanied in his escape by Henry Desmond, a short time prisoner. The other men in jail refused to leave.

Strike of Michigan Miners.

ESKIPING, Mich., July 15.—The miners of Eskiping and Noganee held a mass meeting today at Union park, midway between the two cities, and decided to strike for increased wages. Delegations of striking miners, headed by brass bands, visited the various mines to influence the men. Five thousand men will be out by nightfall, and the strike may spread to other districts.

Two May Die.

SYRACUSE, July 15.—The only men who are in danger of dying, as a result of the Italian frigate last night, are Frank Darvone, whose skull was crushed by a hatchet, and Mattia Vicennes, who received a bad cut in the abdomen, the danger being from blood poisoning. Holland and Capoz will recover.

Hotel and Steamer Burned.

LEWISTON, N. Y., July 15.—The steamer Gibola, of the Niagara Navigation company, was entirely destroyed by fire last night. The engineer was caught in the engine room and burned to death. The hotel near the docks caught fire and was burned to the ground.

Henderson's Victim Dies.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Clarence Barr, the Chinatown guide who was stabbed by C. B. Henderson, a traveling salesman from Rochester, during the course of a row over the payment for drinks in the barroom of the Baldwin hotel, died this morning.

Death of George O. Keeler.

DENVER, July 15.—A dispatch from Norwalk announces the death in that city of George O. Keeler, a prominent mining man and founder of the Colorado Mining exchange.

Rains Check Forest Fires.

MIDLAND, Mich., July 15.—A soaking rain visited this section of the state last night, checking the flames. The settlers at Hubbard are out of danger for the time being.

New York Banker Commits Suicide.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Charles A. Kimball, a broker, 61 years old, committed suicide in his rooms in the Hotel Empire by turning on the gas.

Forest Fires Extinguished.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., July 15.—Heavy rains last night, the first in six weeks, effectually extinguished all forest fires in this section.

Defender Sails For Bristol.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The Defender went out this forenoon for a short spin. She sailed for Bristol this afternoon.

California Pioneer Dead.

FRESNO, July 15.—Cornelius Yager, one of the most noted of California's pioneers, died here last night.

ARE GIVEN MORE TIME.

Railroads Granted an Extension In Which to Change Their Equipment.

SHORT LINE WILL BE SOLD.

Decree of Foreclosure Ordered by Judge Bellinger—Senator Brice Behind a Scheme to Buy the Ohio Southern Railroad.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The interstate commerce commission today granted an extension of time within which all railroads must equip their cars with secure grab irons and hand holds in the ends and sides of cars from July 1 until Dec 1 next. The time for complying with the act requiring the use of drawbars with standard height on all cars has also been extended until Feb. 15, 1896.

Nichols Law Upheld.

CINCINNATI, July 15.—Judges Lorton and Taft today held the Nichols state law valid, and sustained the state auditor, treasurer, attorney general and the state board of appraisers in the assessment for taxes made under the Nichols law on telegraph, telephone and express companies. This law has been contested in the state courts, and is now settled by this decision of the United States court of appeals. It involves large assessments from the companies to the state.

Brice Behind a Big Scheme.

LIMA, O., July 15.—It is stated here on good authority that Senator Brice is behind a big scheme to buy in the Ohio Southern railroad from the receiver and build an extension from Lima to Detroit, Mich., to parallel the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, which he failed to secure control of a year or so ago. The line will only be 10 miles longer than the present route. It is understood the right of way through this city was secured this morning.

Short Line Foreclosure Ordered.

PORTLAND, July 15.—Judge Bellinger today ordered a decree of foreclosure in the case of the American Loan and Trust company against the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern receivers.

HOKE HAS SEEN A NEW LIGHT.

At One Time Favored Free Coinage, but Has Since Changed His Views.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Secretary Hoke Smith's attention was called today to an article published yesterday charging that he had been at one time an advocate of the free silver coinage and the subtreasury plans of the Farmers' Alliance. It was said that five years ago he published a letter advocating these views.

Speaking on the subject, the secretary said: "My attention has just been called to the publication of a letter written by me in September, 1890, to Hon. W. L. Peak, and published at that time in the Atlanta Journal. The Journal was then openly opposing the subtreasury scheme and my personal opposition to it was well understood. The letter clearly excluded the idea of committing me to all of the seven propositions which it presented, although it was known that I did favor the free coinage of silver. I was giving most of my attention to professional work at that time, and supposed without thorough investigation that the free coinage of silver would carry the value of the silver bullion coined into a dollar to par, and also keep silver and gold dollars upon a parity with equal purchasing power. Since that time I have given the subject much more study, and being thoroughly satisfied that the free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would result in silver monometallism, I have for several years openly opposed it."

Missouri Silver Convention.

ST. LOUIS, July 15.—The Democratic state central committee today unanimously decided to hold a convention to consider the currency question. The place of meeting is Pertle Springs.

Columbian Catholic Summer School.

MADISON, Wis., July 15.—The Columbian Catholic summer school is assured success. The first lecture today at the Fuller opera house, by Rev. P. J. Danely of St. Paul, was attended by 400, and it is known as many more will arrive today and tomorrow. Father Danely gave a brilliant address on the origin and development of the canon. At the opening of the exercises the approval and blessing of Pope Leo XIII on the school was read. The Latin original was addressed to Cardinal Gibbons.

Ask McNulta to Cancel the Lease.

PEORIA, Ill., July 15.—The owners of the land on which are located the Monarch distillery and the Mound City distillery, near St. Louis, have made a formal demand on Receiver McNulta for possession of their property and a cancellation of the lease, which they say is void on account of the recent supreme court decision. E. J. Greenhut, son of ex-President Greenhut, declared that this week other lessees would make similar demands.

Carliels Back at Their Desks.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Secretary Carlisle and his son Logan, who has just returned from London, where he assisted in the completion and delivery to the Rothschilds of \$31,000,000 in the recent bond issue, were at their desks in the treasury department today. The secretary has spent the last two weeks as the guest of Assistant Secretary Hamlin at Marston, Mass.

Upper Missouri River Improvements.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Captain Hodges has made his report on improvement of the upper Missouri, above Sioux City. About \$108,697 have been expended during the year, chiefly in removing obstructions, dredging and working on the banks of the river at various points.